

WHEREAS, On December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the Town Council for the Town of Milton approved an ordinance mandating automatic fire sprinkler systems for all new one-or two-story homes obtaining building permits after April 1, 2022

WHEREAS, The Council carefully studied this change and recognized that this requirement will adhere the town to the building code standards in the International Building Codes and that this change is a positive step to reduce the loss of lives, injury and property.

WHEREAS, The State Prevention Commission, recognizes that home fire sprinklers automatically activate early during fire development resulting in the quick control of the fire and associated gases thus allowing occupants to leave before being overwhelmed by smoke and heat.

WHEREAS, these systems provide for the life safety, health and welfare of our citizens and firefighters along with enhanced property conservation.

WHEREAS, Fire sprinkler systems reduce the environmental impact to the atmosphere and water by reducing the quantities of smoke gases and water runoff from the fire and help minimizes the response of multiple fire companies along with reducing the staffing requirements.

WHEREAS, The Town Council for the Town of Milton has demonstrated their wisdom and commitment to the protection from fire to their citizens, visitors and fire fighters NOW THEREFORE:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, The Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission wishes to commend and extend sincere appreciation to the Town Council of Milton, Town Manager Kristy Rogers and Mayor Ted Kanakos for their efforts with making this most valuable ordinance adoption of the building code. There can be no doubt that these sprinkler systems save lives of our citizens, firefighters and visitors to our State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be signed by each Commissioner in acknowledgement and appreciation to the Council, Manager Rogers and Mayor Kanakos, and that a copy of this resolution be presented to each and that this resolution be made a permanent part of the records of the Delaware Fire Prevention Commission.

Ronald Marvel, Chairman

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